

REMARKS

Prior to the first examination on the merits, please cancel claims 1-82 as indicated herein without prejudice. Also, please enter new claims 83-106.

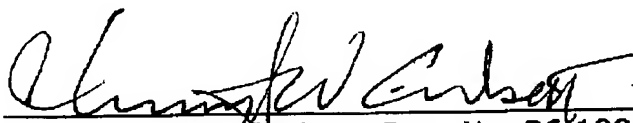
The number of independent claims has been reduced from 15 to 2, and a thickness limitation has been added.

The present claims are directed to an applicator device for applying a coating of a polysiloxane, siloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof to a microscope slide, wherein the coating is colorless and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

Paragraph 0031 of the specification has been amended to clarify that the sample applied to the slide is a "biological" sample (enabled for example in ¶0034, lines 4-8) and that the slide has "a coating" of the coating material applied to a portion of the surface of the slide. No new matter is incorporated.

Applicant respectfully requests an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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